

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A method for imaging a device, the method comprising the steps of:

creating an imaging server policy, wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device that receives or provides for enabling an image server to provide at least one image to the device;

creating ~~an~~ the at least one image of the device;

placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

customizing the at least one image to form at least one customized image; and

placing the at least one customized image ~~of the device~~ on the device.

- A¹ 2. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of creating ~~an optional a device object wherein the device has a representation to~~ represent the device in the directory.

3. (*Original*) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of associating the at least one image of the device with at least one object in the directory.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image comprises ~~the step of storing a base image of a~~ the device in the directory,

wherein at least one additional image is associated with the base image.

7. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image further comprises ~~the step of~~ defining one or more file sets, wherein the file sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

8. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of customizing the at least one image further comprises ~~the step of~~ inserting one or more application images associated with one or more user characteristics in a corresponding one of the at least one image.

9. (*Original*) The method of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

10. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of associating the at least one image of the device ~~to one or more objects with~~ at least one object in the directory further comprises establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the directory.

11. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of directly associating an image object with a device object, wherein ~~at lease~~ at least one specified image is applied to the device regardless of rules specified in at least one policy.

12. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~one or more rules are the~~ at least one rule is based on hardware characteristics of the device and wherein ~~an the~~ at least one image associated with a matching rule is applied to the device.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A system for imaging a device, the system comprising the steps of:

an imaging server policy wherein the imaging server policy comprises at least one rule that is applied to the device that receives or provides ~~for enabling an image server to provide at~~

least one image ~~to the device~~;

a-creating means for creating ~~an~~ the at least one image of the device;

a-placement means for placing a representation of the at least one image of the device into a directory;

a-customization means for customizing the at least one image to form ~~a~~ at least one customized image; and

a-device placement means for placing the at least one customized image ~~of the device on~~ the device.

A 14. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13, further comprising ~~an optional~~ a device object wherein ~~the device has a representation~~ that represents the device in the directory.

15. (**Original**) The system of claim 14 wherein at least one policy is associated with the device object.

16. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 14 wherein the at least one image is associated with the device object.

17. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13 further comprising ~~an~~ association means for associating the at least one image of the device with at least one object in the directory.

18. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13, wherein the customization means comprises storing means for storing a base image of ~~a~~ the device in the directory and wherein at least one additional image is associated with the base image.

19. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13, wherein the customization means comprises definition means for defining one or more file sets and wherein the one or more file

sets are inserted into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

20. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13 wherein the customization means comprises insertion means for inserting one or more application images associated with one or more user characteristics into a corresponding one of the at least one image.

21. (**Original**) The system of claim 13 wherein the device comprises a workstation.

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22. (**Original**) The system of claim 17 wherein the association means comprises establishing means for establishing at least one relationship with at least one policy in the directory.

23. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13 further comprising direct association means for directly associating an image object with a device object wherein at lease least one specified image is applied to the device regardless of rules specified in at least one policy.

24. (**Currently Amended**) The system of claim 13, wherein ~~one or more rules are the~~ at least one rule is based on hardware characteristics of the device and wherein ~~an~~ at least one image associated with a matching rule is applied to the device.
